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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for controlling a media player, comprising:

establishing at least one rule defining a predefined user activity, said rule including at least one condition and additional information external to a user, wherein the additional information external to said user includes at least one of features of media on said media player, an identity of a person other than said user, and a user profile determined by at least one of implicit and explicit responses from the user, and said rule including an action item to be performed to automatically adjust said media player when said rule is satisfied;

analyzing at least one of audio and video information focused on a said user to identify said condition; and

performing said action item if said rule is satisfied.

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2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media player and said action item is the issuance of a command to pause said media player.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media player and said action item is the issuance of a command to said media player to begin recording.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media player and said action item is the issuance of a command to said media player to enter a power save mode.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said user activity is a predefined gestural command and said action item is the issuance of a corresponding command to said media player.

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6. (Currently amended) A method for controlling a device, comprising:

analyzing at least one of audio and video information focused on a user to identify at least one predefined user activity;

analyzing additional information external to a user, wherein the additional information external to said user includes at least one of features of media on said media player, an identity of a person other than said user, and a user profile determined by at least one of implicit and explicit responses from the user, and

performing a predefined action item to automatically adjust said device based on said additional information when said user activity is identified,

wherein the predefined activity is not related to controlling the device.

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein said device is a media player; and

said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media player and said action item is the issuance

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of a command to pause said media player.

8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein
said device is a media player; and

said user activity suggests that said user is not paying
attention to said media player and said action item is the issuance
of a command to said media player to begin recording.

9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein
said device is a media player; and

said user activity suggests that said user is not paying
attention to said media player and said action item is the issuance
of a command to said media player to enter a power save mode.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) A system for controlling a media
player, comprising:

a memory for storing computer readable code; and

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a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured to:

establish at least one rule defining a predefined user activity, said rule including at least one condition and an action item to be performed to automatically adjust said media player when said rule is satisfied;

analyze at least one of audio and video information focused on a user to identify said condition;

analyze additional information external to said user, wherein the additional information external to said user includes at least one of features of media on said media player, an identity of a person other than said user, and a user profile determined by at least one of implicit and explicit responses from the user, and

perform said action item based on said additional information if said rule is satisfied.

12. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media player and said action item is the issuance of a command to pause said media player.

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13. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media player and said action item is the issuance of a command to said media player to begin recording.

14. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein said user activity suggests that said user is not paying attention to said media player and said action item is the issuance of a command to said media player to enter a power save mode.

15. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein said user activity is a predefined gestural command and said action item is the issuance of a corresponding command to said media player.

16. (Currently amended) A system for controlling a device, comprising:

a memory for storing computer readable code; and

a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured to:

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analyze at least one of audio and video information
focused on a user to identify at least one predefined user
activity;

analyze additional information external to said user,
wherein the additional information external to said user includes
at least one of features of media on said media player, an identity
of a person other than said user, and a user profile determined by
at least one of implicit and explicit responses from the user, and

perform a predefined action item based on said additional
information to automatically adjust said device when said user
activity is identified,

wherein the predefined activity is not related to
controlling the device.

17. (currently amended) The system of claim 16, wherein

said device is a media player; and

said user activity suggests that said user is not paying
attention to said device and said action item is the issuance of a
command to pause said media player.

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18. (currently amended) The system of claim 16, wherein
said device is a media player; and

said user activity suggests that said user is not paying
attention to said media player and said action item is the issuance
of a command to said media player to begin recording.
19. (currently amended) The system of claim 16, wherein
said device is a media player; and

said user activity suggests that said user is not paying
attention to said media player and said action item is the issuance
of a command to said media player to enter a power save mode.
20. (cancelled)
21. (original) An article of manufacture for controlling a
media player, comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer readable code
means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means

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comprising:

a step to establish at least one rule defining a predefined user activity, said rule including at least one condition and an action item to be performed to automatically adjust said media player when said rule is satisfied;

a step to analyze at least one of audio and video information focused on a user to identify said condition;

a step to analyze additional information external to a user, wherein the additional information external to said user includes at least one of features of media on said media player, an identity of a person other than said user, and a user profile determined by at least one of implicit and explicit responses from the user, and

a step to perform said action item based on said additional information if said rule is satisfied.

22. (currently amended) An article of manufacture for controlling a device , comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer readable code means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means

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comprising:

a step to analyze at least one of audio and video information focused on a user to identify at least one predefined user activity;

a step to analyze additional information external to a user, wherein the additional information external to said user includes at least one of features of media on said media player, an identity of a person other than said user, and a user profile determined by at least one of implicit and explicit responses from the user, and

a step to perform a predefined action item based on said additional information to automatically adjust said device when said user activity is identified,

wherein the predefined activity is not related to controlling the device.